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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [redacted]
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

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[redacted]
Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking

SUBJECT: Defense Reconnaissance Support Program (DRSP)

1. Action Required: None at this time. [redacted]

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2. Background: Since our status report of 15 July, [redacted] our representative to Bob Hermann's DRSP group, has received a copy of the recommendations made to [redacted] initial review of the proposal reveals the following characteristics of the program: [redacted]

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- Program management is ostensibly separate from the NRO Staff through creation of a [redacted] staff with its own staff director.
- The program would consist of elements in the Service budgets as well as a new Defense budget element (analogous to the structure of the CCP and GDIP).
- The Defense Resources Board, in special session, would be the reviewing mechanism on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. Provision is made for DCI representation at the discretion of the Chairman, DRB (Deputy Secretary Claytor).
- The proposed composition of the DRSP is a mix of ongoing programs and new initiatives. Only one system has so far been identified which is currently in the NFIP--the Defense Dissemination System--although several others seem to be options in the NRP which are not funded by the D/NRO in the current recommended program. Some examples of things included in the recommended program structure are:

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NRO review(s)
completed.

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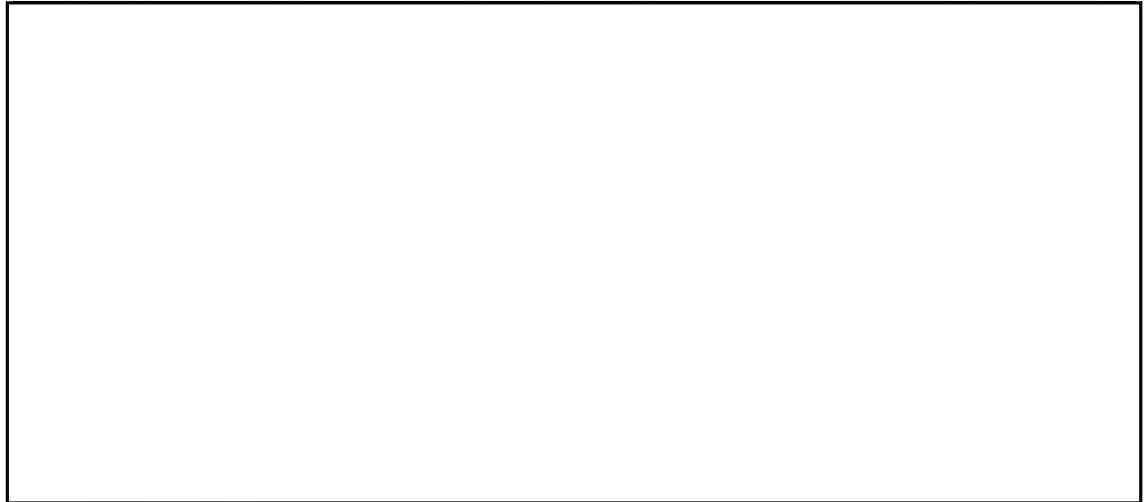
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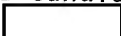
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3. The candidate list of program initiatives clearly supports the stated purposes: 

"...1. Modifying or augmenting National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) systems with the concurrence of the Director, Central Intelligence (DCI) for the primary purpose of supporting operational military forces.

"2. Acquiring and operating separate satellite reconnaissance systems intended primarily for support to operational military forces.

"3. Designing systems for dissemination of satellite reconnaissance imagery products to Unified and Specified Commands."

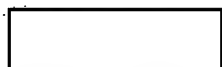
4. We will continue an in-depth analysis of Hermann's proposals and develop a position paper for further discussion with you of the impact of a DRSP on national collection tasking and national resource decisions and how we should proceed. 



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